

Phillips 66 Rail Project Benjamin Oakley

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## To Whom It May Concern:

I am a homeowner and taxpayer residing in Arroyo Grande, CA along with my wife and son. I am writing to you to voice support for the Phillips 66 rail project and the jobs and economic activity that are associated with it. The project is simply an expansion of an existing, permitted land use that has operated for many years without incident. The County should encourage the continued safe operation of our oil and gas infrastructure and ignore the many shrill voices from outside our community that would inflict harm on our existing way of life on the Central Coast by eliminating jobs and the industry that powers the economy in this county and state.

Rejection of this project would simply result in the increased importation of oil from places that don't have the same environmental and safety standards as we enjoy in California, places such as Iran, Iraq, Venezuela, and Mexico to name a few.

The County should encourage responsible oil production and enjoy the economic opportunities that come with it for hardworking Central Coast families.

Sincerely,

Ben Oakley Arroyo Grande, CA